

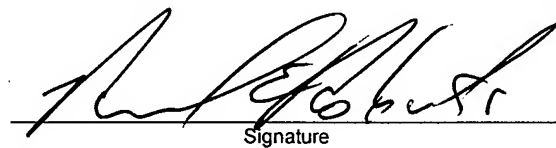
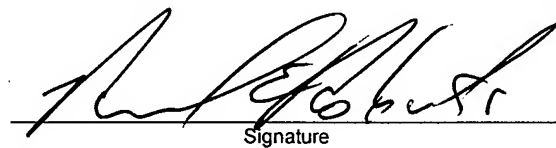
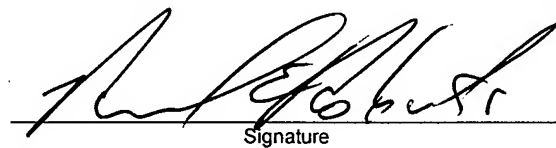
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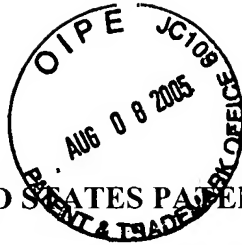
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<p>Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.</p> <p>This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.</p> <p>The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s). Note: No more than five (5) pages may be provided.</p> <p>I am the</p> <table border="0"><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.</td><td rowspan="4"> Signature <u>Raymond E. Roberts</u> Typed or printed name <u>(408) 558-9950</u> Telephone number <u>4 August 2005</u> Date</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration number <u>38,597</u></td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____</td></tr></table> <p>NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below*.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> *Total of _____ forms are submitted.</p>				<input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.	 Signature <u>Raymond E. Roberts</u> Typed or printed name <u>(408) 558-9950</u> Telephone number <u>4 August 2005</u> Date	<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration number <u>38,597</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____
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For (title): **ROTATION AND TRANSLATION MEASUREMENT**

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Serial No: **10/053,508**

Examiner: **LYONS, Michael A.**
Art Unit: **2877**

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(Attached Sheets Containing Remarks And Arguments)

Claims 1-20 are rejected under §103(a) based on U.S. Pat. No. 4,714,339 by Lau et al. in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,521,704 by Thiel et al. Claims 1, 12 and 17 are independent, but similar, aside from being drawn to apparatus, means-plus-function based apparatus, and method. We do not discuss the dependent claims herein.

The Examiner's main position is covered in the Action dated 03/08/2005. Applicant's key points are covered in the response dated 05/18/2005, starting on pg. 6 at the text "**Regarding claims 1, 12, and 17 ...**" and ending on pg. 8 before the text "**Regarding claims 11, 16**" Our remarks cover in detail why the combination of Lau and Thiel cannot support a *prima facie* case for obviousness. We respectfully ask that these short remarks be read now and that the following clarification and summarization be considered.

Our statement that "*Lau ... teaches a 'tracking mirror 28 ... under servo control [by] the x-axis output [and the Y-axis output] of the photodiode 128*" (pg. 6, after the 1st block quote) expresses that Lau has essential elements with no equivalent in the claimed invention. This rebuts the argument that the claimed invention is "*mere duplication of the essential working parts of a device.*" Lau cannot perform its role without this and there is no motivation to duplicate the entirety of Lau because that adds no benefit. The relevant embodiment of Lau uses one complex channel for XYZ-axis relative measurement. The claimed invention uses two simpler channels to permit measuring these and two of roll, pitch, and yaw (and even absolute measurement with dependent claim elements). The Examiner has wrongly found duplication and confused it with what is actually a principles of operation difference between the inventions.

Our statement in the next paragraph, which reads:

Continuing, ... "Thiel (Fig. 1) discloses a measuring apparatus and corresponding method with a pair of optical channels 3 and 4 that allows for measurement of two locations on the test object." Again, we agree, but urge that this and Lau is not determinative

should be taken with our latter statement "*The Action mischaracterizes Thiel as having two channels. Thiel only works by virtue of having two sets of interferometers that have fixed known separation, and thus is more correctly regarded as being a single channel.*" (pg. 8, 1st full ¶).

The Examiner's counter argument appears in the Action dated 06/17/2005, where the Response to Arguments section (pg. 4) states:

The thrust of the applicant's arguments center around the fact that the combined device of Lau and Thiel as discussed above is in error because the combined device fails to disclose the multiple-axis (as argued, 5-axis) measurement of the instant invention. However, nowhere in the claim language is such a measurement disclosed. ...

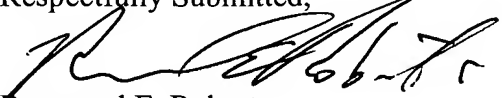
The Examiner mistakenly has taken our supporting comments about 5-axis measurement as central, but he is correct that we feel that this does not need to be recited. To recite "5-axis measurement" is to risk claim interpretation in the courts limiting to such, so that 3- or 4-axis measurement using the same apparatus or method is not infringement. Absent a need to avoid prior art, an applicant would be unwise to add claim language reciting benefits in addition to the structure or steps to achieve those benefits. We have pointed out our belief that U.S. law does not require this of us and asked the Examiner to cite authority otherwise. He has not done so.

There is also no need to amend the claims as suggested to avoid prior art, because the *prima facie* case for obviousness has three major criteria and all three must be met. The first is that there be a suggestion or motivation to combine references and the second is that doing so produce a result having some reasonable expectation of success. Respectfully, if a set of references are not usable under these first two criteria, what a set of claims actually recites becomes irrelevant. In the present case, however, we have submitted remarks about how the first two criteria are not met, and how this is un-rebutted, and we have gone ahead and submitted remarks about how the third criteria is also not met.

Finally, please also review our remarks in the response dated 07/13/2005. These barely cover two pages, and cover how the rejection appears to be based on unsupported Official Notice or improper use of U.S. Pat. No. 3,738,754 by Marcy et al.

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